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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF AUGUST 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 88,604,000 pounds on August 15, 1941, according to summaries released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

When compared with the (revised) total of 73,432,000 pounds in cold storage on July 15, this represents an increase of 15,172,000 pounds, or 21 percent. It also indicates an increase of 12,125,000 pounds, or 16 percent, over the August 15, 1940, figure of 76,479,000 pounds, and likewise an increase over the five-year average of 73,486,000 pounds at this date, amounting to 15,118,000 pounds, or 21 percent.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended August 15, 1941, amounted to 31,874,000 pounds, which is 7,258,000 pounds, or 29 percent, more than the production during the same period a year ago, and 10,284,000 pounds, or 48 percent, above the five-year average of 21,589,000 pounds.

Heaviest holdings by species show halibut in the lead with 14.2 million pounds, followed by whiting (12.4 million pounds); haddock fillets (8.5 million pounds); mackerel, except Spanish, (4.3 million pounds); rosefish fillets (4.3 million pounds); croakers (4 million pounds); and cod fillets (2.6 million pounds).

Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (1.5 million pounds) predominated, followed by squid with 1.3 million pounds. Scallops (1.2 million pounds) were in third place. Three items--halibut, haddock fillets, and whiting--accounted for 40 percent of the total frozen fishery products held in domestic public freezers on August 15.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England leading with 26.7 million pounds; the Pacific area (22.1 million pounds) in second place; followed by the Middle Atlantic section (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 17 million pounds; and the North Central East region (10.5 million pounds).

Other items listed show 18.5 million pounds of cured herring, and 6.7 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of August 15, 1941.

Included also is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows that the following species and amounts of fresh frozen fish were on hand as of August 1, 1941; cod fillets--2,684,059 pounds; halibut--5,933,483 pounds; mackerel--2,376,251 pounds; salmon--2,725,361 pounds; sea herring--7,344,455 pounds; whitefish--2,296,700 pounds; all other varieties--6,500,131 pounds.

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